

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Providers
Pharmacists
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supplies; and
Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE): TENS Devices and
Related Supplies: No Longer Covered and Updates to DME and MSE Coverage
Tables**

Retroactive to dates of service on and after February 1, 2010, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS):

- Notifies providers that transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) devices and related supplies will be noncovered for independent in-home use; and
- Updates the coverage table in the current *Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and Supplies Billing Instructions*; and
- Updates the coverage table in the current *Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE) Billing Instructions*.

This memo also reminds providers of the requirement to complete ProviderOne registration.

Noncovered Equipment and Supplies

Effective for dates of service on and after February 1, 2010, DSHS no longer covers TENS devices and related supplies for in-home use by DSHS clients.

Note: Providers may request an exception for noncovered services when an eligible DSHS client's clinical needs are different than the rest of the population (WAC 388-501-0160). For an exception to rule (ETR) request for TENS units and/or related supplies, use HRSA Exception to Rule Request, TENS Unit and Associated Accessories form, DSHS 13-882. You may view/download DSHS forms on the DSHS/HRSA web site at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/msa/forms/eforms.html>.

Coverage Table Updates

Retroactive to dates of service on and after February 1, 2010, DSHS has removed the following procedure code from the coverage table in the current *Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and Supplies Billing Instructions*:

Procedure Code
E0730

Retroactive to dates of service on and after February 1, 2010, DSHS has removed the following procedure codes from the coverage table in the current *Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE) Billing Instructions*:

Procedure Code
A4556
A4557
A4558
A4595
A4630

You may view/download the ***updated billing instructions*** on the DSHS/HRSA web site at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/bi.html>.

ProviderOne Registration

To continue to receive payment, providers must complete ProviderOne registration to prepare for ProviderOne implementation. Specific instructions and resources are available at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone/providers.htm>.

How Do I Conduct Business Electronically With DSHS?

You may conduct business electronically with DSHS by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How Can I Get DSHS/HRSA Provider Documents?

To download and print DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the ***Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum*** link).